



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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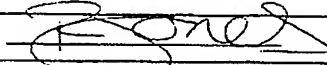
AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

This Affidavit is made in accordance with M.P.E.P. 716.10 to establish that US Patent Application 10/811,521 entitled "Method and Apparatus Providing an Output Coupler for an Optical Beam", filed March 29, 2004 and published September 29, 2005 as publication number US2005/0213880 (hereinafter: the "Publication"), which was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 30, 2005 (hereinafter: the "Office Action"), does not constitute a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) with regard to United States Patent Application Number 10/813,637 filed by Jones, Richard et al. (hereinafter: the "Application").

1. I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issued thereon.

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Attorney Docket No.: P-7481-US

2. I have reviewed the specification and claims of the Application, in which I am named as a joint inventor together with Cohen Oded and Liao Ling. I have also reviewed the claims currently pending in the Application.
3. I have reviewed the specification and claims of the Publication, of which I am the sole named inventor. I specifically reviewed the portions of the Publication which were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action in the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-22 of the Application, as well as other portions relating to the subject matter claimed by the Application.
4. Based on my review of the Application and the Publication, I conclude that, the inventorship of the Publication notwithstanding, all portions of the Publication that may be relevant to the subject matter currently claimed in the Application, including the portions of the Publication that were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action in the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-14 and/or 16-22 of the Application, have originated from the joint work of Cohen Oded, Liao Ling, and myself.

15 th March 2006.	
Date	Jones, Richard